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TWO KINDS OF PIRACY EXPLAINED

CASES AT SESSIONS

S.S. "ANKING" PROSECUTION OPENS TO-DAY

CHART PUT BEFORE JURY

The two kinds of piracy were explained in the Supreme Court to-day at the resumption of the December Criminal Sessions.

In the "Anking" case, the indictment against Yuen Ping-kwan comprised two counts, one of piracy jure gentium (or piracy at common law, which is equivalent to robbery, except that it is at sea and not on land), and the other of statutory piracy (under an Act of 1837), with violence and endangering life, for which the punishment can be death.

Statutory piracy must be within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Collan, C.B.E., K.C.) and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (assistant Attorney General) both pointed out to the jury.

Admiralty Jurisdiction

The Admiral claimed jurisdiction throughout the high seas, Mr. Fitzroy added, and pretended to have jurisdiction over that part covered at high tide and uncovered at low tide.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall) was for the defence.

The preliminaries, including the reading of the indictment and interpretation, occupied the best part of an hour and Yuen Ping-kwan pleaded "not guilty."

In the charge of statutory piracy (including the words "did assault and murder"), the date of the alleged offence was given as Sept. 26, 1928. In the charge of "ordinary" piracy, the dates were Sept. 26, 27, 28 and 29.

To Sit To-morrow?

Events on the British s.s. "Anking," while on her voyage from Singapore to Hoichow and Amoy, during which Mr. D. C. Jones (chief officer), Mr. H. Thompson (chief engineer) and Cheng Sun-tak (quartermaster) were killed, and Captain C. E. Plunkett-Cole and others injured, were related by Mr. Fitzroy to the jury.

At one stage his Lordship the Chief Justice left his seat on the bench and went to the jury box to point out places mentioned on a chart.

Should the case be not completed by this afternoon the Court will sit to-morrow morning.

Many of the officers and others on board the "Anking" at the time are to give evidence.

Antefols Acquit Plea

Prior to the "Anking" case, Mr. Alabaster (who is also instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall) mentioned Ho Fu, who is charged with piracy jure gentium on board a junk.

It was indicated that a plea of antefols acquit (that is, that prisoner had been previously tried elsewhere on the same charge and, therefore, cannot be tried again) would be entered. The solicitor for accused had written to the Court at Shekki and that Court had replied referring the defence to the Court of the District Magistrate of Heungshan, a higher tribunal. Accordingly, counsel asked that the case be allowed to stand over to the next Sessions.

His Lordship granted the application on the Crown assenting.

FORGED NOTES

INDIAN AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT

CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED

An Indian, named Kam Singh, was charged before Major C. Wilson, O.B.E., this morning with unlawful possession of 89 forged \$10 Hong Kong notes and two rounds of ammunition.

Inspector Lane, prosecuting, asked for another week's remand. He stated that he had received instructions from Mr. T. H. King, D.C.I., to have the case committed for trial.

After adjourning the case for another week, the Magistrate directed that defendant put on a turban when brought before the Court.

"All roads lead to the mortuary." —A witness at the Dow County Court.

THE "GAZETTE DU FRANC" SCANDAL

MORE ARRESTS

TWO DIRECTORS OF ALLIED NEWSPAPERS

FURTHER SENSATION

Paris, Yesterday. M. Gillot and M. Anquetil, directors respectively of the "Intéressante" and the "Larumeur" financial newspapers associated with the "Gazette du Franc," have been arrested.—Reuter.

[The Crash] A telegram from Paris, dated December 8, stated:—Financial and political circles experienced, in the arrest of Madame Marthe Hanau and her divorced husband, Lazare Bloch, in connection with what is described as one of the most colossal financial swindles in French records.

Both are accused of huge frauds at the expense of small investors.

Madame directed a vast share in the investment organisation of the Paris "Gazette du Franc" founded in 1926 with the avowed idea of restoring public confidence in the franc.

The "Gazette" boosted the shares of her companies, published articles by several ministers and well-known authorities and once the front page was devoted to a letter from M. Poincaré.

The crash came when inquiries were opened on her proposal to issue bonds of 170,000,000 francs at a high interest.

An examination of the books is alleged to show an uncovered deficit of \$800,000.

It is alleged that a number of persons are involved in the scandal.

M. Poincaré, in the Chamber,

promised a thorough investigation which, judging by the cartloads of documents seized at the "Gazette" office, will likely be of very protracted.

First Fruits

A later telegram said that with reference to the "Gazette du Franc" crash the arrest of its principal directors would seem to be the first fruits of a harvest of financial scandals in France.

The director of a Strasbourg financial concern has been arrested and the police refuse to divulge details.

Count Maurice de Courville, described as the founder of the "Gazette du Franc" in 1925 has been accused of complicity in the Hanau affair, but he has been provisionally allowed his liberty.]

STRICKEN MINERS

CHRISTMAS FARE FOR THE DISTRESSED

\$500,000 FUND

London, Yesterday. Success attended the efforts made in the distressed areas to secure that no family in need should be without reasonable fare on Christmas Day. Organisations that have been for some time past engaged in relief work and new bodies called into existence by the great wave of public concern were busily engaged in distributing vast consignments of food and clothing.

The moving appeal made by wireless on Christmas evening by the Prince of Wales on behalf of workless miners and their dependants has already met with a striking response. The "Daily Mail" states that the total of the fund is now approaching \$500,000.—Reuter.

LABOUR M.P.'S DEATH

London, Dec. 28.

The death is announced of Mr. G. H. Warne, the Labour Member of Parliament for Wensleydale, Northumberland, since 1922.

At the last General Election he held his seat by a majority or over 2,000 against a Conservative in a straight contest.—Reuter.

[Mr. Warne, who was President of the Northumbrian and Durham Miners' Approved Society, officiated as a Junior Lord of the Treasury in 1924 when the Labour Party was in power. He was only 47 at the time of his death.]

THE PRIMATE

London, Yesterday.

The Archibishop of Canterbury is progressing and no further bulletin will be issued.—Reuter.

HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH

NOT SO GOOD

THE RAY THERAPY TREATMENT AGAIN ADMINISTERED

"LESS CONFIDENT" FEELING

London, Yesterday. Reuter was officially informed at 3:15 p.m. that there had been no change in His Majesty's condition.

For the first time since Sunday Dr. Howitt and Dr. Woods called at the palace to-night to administer the ray therapy treatment, says a bulletin signed by Sir Stanley Hewett, Sir Hugh Rigby and Lord Dawson of Penn.

"Definite Check"

The usual morning and evening bulletins will be issued to-morrow, it is reliably learnt.

To-night's bulletin indicates a slight temporary but definite check in the King's progress. It is pointed out that though the doctors recent-

THE KING'S HEALTH

"Not Been So Satisfactory"

London, Yesterday.

A bulletin issued at 8:20 p.m. stated that during to-day His Majesty's condition had not been so satisfactory as there had been a disinclination to take nourishment and his strength had been less well maintained. The pulse remains steady.—Reuter.

ly emphasised that progress would be necessarily slow and tedious the improvement has been even slower than anticipated, probably owing to the difficulty of inducing the patient to take nourishment, the main item of which for some time has been raw eggs.

The statement that the pulse re-

mains steady is not altogether a reassuring sign, denoting that while the doctors are momentarily satisfied, they are watching the future with great attention.

There is a less confident atmos-

phere at the Palace to-night in contrast with the past few days.

New Year Honours

Owing to the King's illness the Prime Minister is at present unable to make the customary sub-

mission to His Majesty for the New Year Honours list, which will in consequence be postponed.

In A Weak Condition

Reuter learns that no alarm is at present felt as to the King's condition. The anxiety which continued during the past week still exists.

The position is that the King had and still has a very narrow margin of safety.

A check in the progress in the case of a man in such a weak condition as His Majesty must be seri-

ous for the future of the pro-

tection.

Lord Dawson of Penn, who has been Physician-in-Ordinary to the King since 1907, has a world-wide reputation. Quite apart from the high position he holds in relation to the King and held in regard to King Edward VII, to whom he was Physician Extraordinary, he has come to be regarded as a spokesman in all that concerns the interests and activities of the profession to which he belongs.

His seat in the House of Lords

has given him opportunities of

uttering expert views of impor-

tance and wide interest. Especial

attention was aroused by a vigorous

condemnation of prohibition, cordial

approval of the use of alcohol in

moderation, proof that the na-

tion is becoming more sober, and an

appreciation of the part played by

modern women in bringing this

about which were contained in a

striking speech made by him in the Upper Chamber about eighteen months ago.

It simply means, in effect, that

an additional supply of "lymph"

is being brought to the affected part

so as to wash away accumulated

bacterial poisons, and that the body

is resisting to the best of its ability

with the help of the blood cells

which are its defenders.

Provided that the important mat-

ter of annihilating the invading

germs can be successfully accom-

plished, a patient of robust con-

stitution can put up with a con-

stant in his chest between the forces

of his own vitality and the poisons

APPALING BELGIAN DISASTER

INUNDATIONS

7,000 ACRES INHABITED BY 10,000 AFFECTED

SPRING TIDES EXPECTED

Brussels, Yesterday. Serious inundations have occurred over the whole district north of Termonde due to the violent gale and the in-rushing tidal waters of the Scheldt.

Nearly 7,000 acres, inhabited by 10,000 people are under water and the area is dislodged Baghala Hill. They also dislodged the rebels in the Darulaman Valley.

King Amanullah's troops to the east are holding Jalalabad on the

Handamak Front.

The Rescues

The foreign women and chil-

dren were rescued in the nick of

time from Kabul;

as no further flying is possible for the aero-

drome is now under two feet of

snow.

It is reported from Peshawar

that King Amanullah may try to

move the Government to Kandahar

and attempt a strong offensive

against the rebels.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

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WILLS AND WIVES

WOMAN'S RIGHTS IN ENGLAND

A CURIOUS POSITION

Under the will of a rich man recently his son receives £18,400 a year, but the son's interest is to be "restricted to him personally and not passed to his wife or issue." His aim seems to have missed fire, for probably the daughter-in-law will enjoy her husband's income for most, if not the whole of her life, and it is upon the grandchildren reared in luxury, that the weight will fall.

I am reminded of a man who started life poor, and made his pile in the approved romantic fashion (declares a woman barrister, in the "Daily Chronicle"). His desire was to leave a name behind him, so when he came to make his will he proposed to give his mansion to a charitable institution bearing his name, and the bulk of his fortune to endow it, making scarcely any provision for his wife.

"She was poor enough when I married her, and that will do for her," he argued forgetting that the

Nor is this right of free testamentary disposition hallowed by immemorial custom even in England. From the time of the Conquest for a long period there was practically no power to dispose of law by will, and one realises how much this meant when one remembers how little wealth there was apart from land. But fathers wished to provide for their younger sons, and perhaps even their daughters. An indirect method of making a will by means of what was called a Usu, arose, and the Church protected it. It was not until 1672 that the power of testamentary disposition extended to all land.

Rule Against Perpetuities

So the principle arose, but English law was not entirely and permanently convinced. A man many decide what shall become of his possessions for quite a long time after his death, but not for ever. The rule against perpetuities has long limited the period of his control to the lives of persons living at his death and 21 years after their deaths. More recently (in 1892) the Thelluson Act further limited the period for which he might direct that his property should accumulate. This Act was the result of the will of one Peter Thelluson, who directed

of with—or without—the proverbial shilling. It is always the privilege of the child to be troublesome and of the parent to forgive. Perhaps the strongest objection is that raised by a friend on whom I inflicted my views on this subject. "Poor man," she said, "how is he to get any attention from his wife or children if he cannot threaten to cut them out of his will?"

Well, I don't suggest that all his property should be earmarked. He might still have enough to give to make it worth while to be nice to him!

SEX HERDING

"Can anyone tell me," Sir Herbert Morgan asks in a London paper, "why people persist in still separating men and women after dinner?" Just as the coffee and liquors are making people feel at their best the sexes are herded into separate compartments and the flow of conversation broken." He argues that since women now smoke and since it is no longer considered necessary for men to tell queer—generally conventional—stories in order to prove that they were good sportsmen, they might be allowed to entertain each other.

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GODDARD CASE

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M.P.'s QUESTIONS

A series of questions was asked in the House of Commons regarding the £12,000 which Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary stated recently, had been found in possession of ex-Station Sergeant Goddard, of the Vine-street division of the Metropolitan Police.

Goddard was recently dismissed after pleading guilty to various charges. The money is held by the Home Secretary.

Sir Vivian Henderson, Under-Secretary to the Home Office, replying to Mr. Johnston (Soc. Dundee), said that inquiries were proceeding with all the despatch possible into the case of Goddard. Lord Byng, the Commissioner of Police, was in consultation with Sir Archibald Bodkin, the Director of Public Prosecutions, in the matter. No decision had yet been come to.

Mr. Johnston: Why has it taken so long to decide upon a prosecution in this case when the Home Secretary felt so strongly about it that he appropriated £12,000?

Sir Vivian: I am not aware the Home Secretary has appropriated £12,000.

Several Members: He says so. What have you done with the money?

Sir Vivian: The fact that a certain amount of money was found in the possession of an individual and has been impounded has nothing to do with the question of whether that individual should be prosecuted for bribery.

Years of Inquiry
Mr. Hayes (Soc. Edge Hill) asked whether the delay was due to the fact that the inquiries arising out of this case would now have to cover a period of years and that other issues might possibly arise.

Sir Vivian: I think that is quite likely.



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TAKIWA	9,005	18th	Jan.	Shan, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKIWA	9,005	18th	Jan.	Shan, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,936	20th	Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MACEONIA	11,120	1st	Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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So universal is the "Plimsoll mark" on the sides of ships that most people assume the affixing of this indication of the depth to which a ship may be loaded to be in all cases compulsory. So indeed, it is under the laws of nearly all maritime countries, but there is one notable exception, says the "Financial Times." Though few people not directly concerned may be aware that the United States has no load line law, this, nevertheless, is the fact. In the absence of national regulation of their own, American ships loading in foreign ports are subject to the laws in force there, and to remedy this anomalous state of affairs a Bill has for some time been before the United States Legislature. It is expected to be further considered during the forthcoming session. Compliance with the load line law of a ship's own flag is usually accepted by other States, and therefore, when the United States has legislated as proposed, American ships will be freed from the obligation of conforming to the details of any foreign requirements. Vessels of the United States Shipping Board are now, in fact, marked with load lines and provided with certificates of freeboard issued by the American Bureau of Shipping, but, if questioned, these formalities would have at present no legal validity in the ports of other countries.

International Treatment Needed.
The question of regulations for the assignment of load lines to ships is essentially one of international treatment, and the purpose of the United States in adopting legislation similar to that in force in other countries is understood to be in part to regularise its position as a participant in the International Conference on Safety at Sea, which is proposed to be held in London early next year. At this gathering the safety convention drawn up at an earlier conference, held after the loss of the Titanic, will be revised. That convention has never been fully carried into effect because of the break caused by the war, and the whole problem now needs reconsideration in the light of further experience which has been gained. At the former conference the load line question was not included in the discussion, because the British Government had expressed its intention of calling a further special conference on this particular matter, but clearly it cannot be omitted now. As the chief surveyor of the American Bureau of Shipping has pointed out, regulations for sub-division of ships and rules as to stability are worthless unless means are taken to ensure that ships are not loaded beyond their proper draughts. At the time that the conference after the loss of the "Titanic" was held a committee appointed by our own Board of Trade was studying the question of revising load lines and regulations. The subject has been and still is under official consideration, a second committee having been appointed in 1927. Its report should be available before the International Safety Conference takes place next year.

Safety and Earning Power.
Thus it is apparent that the whole problem, which includes many technical as well as legal points, is approaching a stage when definite developments may be expected. In its broadest

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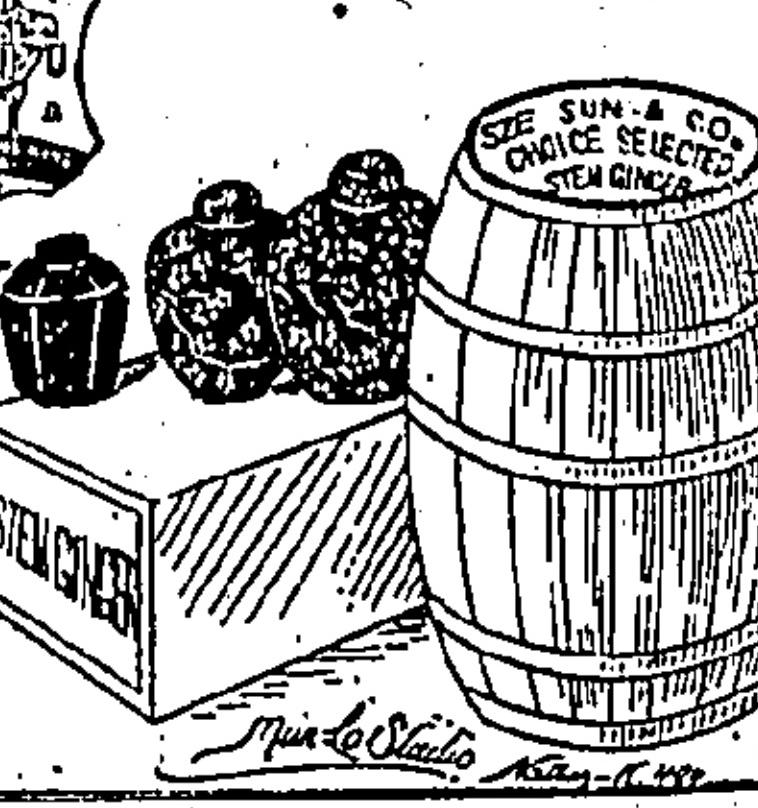
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“THE EXPERT OF THE
OTHER SEX”

A brief and amusing article in yesterday's "China Mail" entitled "Unhappy Fellows," which purported to tell "the truth about bachelors" is as suggestive of much speculation as it is simulating of a variety of thoughts on a subject which is, unquestionably, one of supreme interest. It appears that Mr. J. F. Roxburgh, headmaster of Stowe School, had occasion recently to address the girls of St. Monica's School, Teddington, Surrey, and he took the opportunity to impart some words of wisdom, which were as witty as they were wise, and with which, on the whole, most people will agree. He prefaced his remarks by stating that he believed the reason why he, a bachelor, should be asked to address a girls' school, was probably because a bachelor, much more than a Benedict, understood the other sex. "A bachelor is the expert of the other sex," he declared, simply because he "sees the sex as a whole," whereas the married man, in a wood, as it were, could not see the wood in true perspective because his view was really interrupted by "one of the trees." The man who had the "uninterrupted view" was the bachelor. This, according to Mr. Roxburgh, enabled the bachelor to regard himself "as the expert of the other sex."

We imagine that both Benedicts and their wives might have something very different to say on this point; might even go the length of concluding that the

bachelors not only had a very vague idea of the "other sex" simply because, being bachelors, they evidently failed to realise the real, true and essential duties of their own sex. Mr. Roxburgh even went so far as to venture, to say that "a woman really knows very little of women" because she is also in the wood and she also cannot see the wood for the trees. But we should be inclined to conclude that, being in the wood and of it, gives her a much better idea of "the wood" than can possibly be known to the mere bachelor, who, according to Mr. Roxburgh, had the best "view of all." It is a very interesting point, but most women, we imagine, would not regard it as anything in the nature of a problem. They would probably arrive at the conclusion that the man who made such a statement was more humorous than accurate. Mr. Roxburgh retrieved himself somewhat by imparting some really rich gems of thought to the girls whom he was addressing. He told them to "practise looking for happiness instead of looking for pleasure as pleasure is like a sprained ankle," you had it all to yourself, whereas happiness, like the measles, "one could not have it without passing it on to others."

Quite clearly, Mr. Roxburgh is far too witty and wise to remain long a bachelor, so if he wishes to retain his reputation for wisdom he should without delay join the ranks of the Benedicts. "The bachelor," he confided to his feminine audience, "is a very unhappy fellow as a rule"—a fact which he hoped some of them "might remember later on."

Mr. Roxburgh, besides laying down other "obiter dicta" advised the girls to "practise the art of thinking for themselves" of "getting their scale of values right" and of having at least one subject over which "to wax enthusiastic."

Sound words of wisdom from a bachelor, well worthy of a Benedict at his best.

“Test” Changes

Again we find ourselves on the eve of a "Test" match, and the thoughts of all cricket-loving sportsmen will go out to Chapman's stalwarts now waiting for opening of play at Melbourne. The English team has not been changed. Australia, as

the cable published to-day shows, retains but eight of the players who performed in the second "Test" encounter. W. H. Fonsford has been dropped, we take it, on account of the injury he sustained in the last match; Otto Notting and H. Ironmonger, the other displaced Australians, did not shine when they had their chance in the Sydney tussle. Of the newcomers, Don Bradman, the New South Wales all-rounder, was selected for the first "Test" at Brisbane but did not reproduce the form he had been exhibiting in First Grade games as a member of St. George's team. R. M. Oxenham, a Queenslander, is also well known in Club and Inter-State cricketing circles, but the other selected "baby," A. Beckett, is, we confess a stranger; more, he is completely an unknown quantity. We can safely say he has not figured in inter-State fixtures for the past two seasons, and the chances are he was reared in either the Adelaide or Melbourne nursery.

The Attendance

The attendance comprised:—H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.)

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Finance Votes

Votes totalling \$85,734 to supplement the expenditure in 1928 were approved by the Finance Committee.

In regard to an item for \$20,653 for the reconstruction of Wongneichong nullah, from Bowrington Canal to Chinese stand,

the Director of Public Works explained, in reply to Sir Henry Pollock, that this did not complete the whole of the nullah work. Section 4 had still to be done.

Sir Henry Pollock drew attention to the very low rate at which certain rails of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British section) had been disposed of. The Colonial Secretary replied that they had been lying about since 1909 and had been condemned on the recommendation of a Board of Survey.

A JOY RIDE

CHINESE SCHOOLBOYS' EXPENSIVE TRIP

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE

Traffic cases were heard by Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

A Chinese schoolboy, named Wong Kai-wing, was summoned for the negligent driving of a motor car, and for not having a driver's licence.

It was stated that owing to defendant's youth, he was refused a licence. Nothing daunted, however, Wong "borrowed" a public car from the Pedder-street stand and went on a round-the-island joy ride with a party of friends.

Wong took a bend at Macdonnell road on the wrong side and a collision resulted with a car owned by the Consul for Cuba.

Sternly Lord Hailsham called him to order, and after a start of astonishment—for seldom is any one called to order in this House—Lord Desborough sat down.

Then the Leader of the House, the Marquis of Salisbury, protested. He explained that Lord Desborough wished to put the Government point of view.

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put and agreed to a second time.

Further Offences

The driver of public car No. 527 admitted to no fewer than five summonses for obstruction, and was fined \$5 on each count.

A fine of \$15 was imposed on

the driver of another car for speeding in the city. A traffic officer chased the defendant from the Star Ferry to the Police Club, Happy Valley, before the car was

put and agreed to a second time.

For persistently loitering and obstructing the entrance of the

Hong Kong Hotel, in spite of repeated warnings, the driver of

public car No. 1487 was fined \$10.

GOVERNOR'S RETURN

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BACK FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MR. SOUTHORN'S THANKS

He hoped that before they met again they would have the privilege of having Sir Cecil Clementi back in his place, said H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday. He took the opportunity of thanking hon. members for their help and assistance during the period he had been administering the Government and wished them all a very happy New Year. (Applause.)

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ANGLO-CHINESE TREATY

Full Text Published

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FOUR OTHER TREATIES

London, Yesterday.
The Anglo-Chinese treaty, signed at Nanking on Dec. 20, restores Chinese Tariff Autonomy and reciprocally grants the most favoured nation treatment with regard to export and import taxes and shipping dues.

The Text

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The full text of the Sino-British Treaty signed at Nanking on December 20 was issued this evening.

The preamble states that the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India, and the President of the National Government of the Republic of China, desiring to strengthen the good relations and facilitate and extend trade and commerce between their respective countries, resolved to conclude a treaty for this purpose, and appointed as their respective plenipotentiaries Sir Miles Lampson and Doctor Chengting T. Wang, the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Article One—abrogates all the provisions of existing treaties limiting in any way China's right to settle her Customs tariff, and states that the principle of complete national tariff autonomy shall apply.

Article Two says that either country's nationals shall not be compelled to pay in the other's territories any duties, internal charges or taxes upon goods imported or exported other than, or higher than, those paid on goods of the same origin by British or Chinese nationals respectively, or aliens.

Article Three abrogates all provisions of existing Sino-British treaties limiting China's right to impose such tonnage dues as she may think fit, and states that British ships in China and Chinese ships in British territories shall receive treatment not less favourable than is accorded to alien ships.

Article Four lays down that ratifications shall be exchanged in London as soon as possible. The Treaty shall be enforced on the date on which the two parties notify each other that ratification has been effected. It adds that in the event of a difference, the English text shall prevail.

Imports and Exports

In a first annex, Sir Miles Lampson asks Dr. Wang to confirm his understanding that, firstly articles produced or manufactured in British territories and imported into China, and reciprocally articles produced or manufactured in China and imported into British territories, shall receive treatment not less favourable than that accorded to any other foreign country as regards import duties, internal taxation, transit dues and all matters connected therewith; secondly, that articles produced or manufactured in China and exported to British territories, and reciprocally articles produced or manufactured in British territories and imported into China, shall receive similar consideration.

Dr. Wang acknowledges and confirms this understanding as correct.

In a second annex, Sir Miles Lampson announces that the King, on behalf of the Governments of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Irish Free State, India, Newfoundland, Southern Rhodesia, and all the self-Governing Colonies and the Protectorates, renounces the rights to benefit by those provisions of existing treaties which limit in any way, China's right to settle her Customs tariff or impose such tonnage dues as she thinks fit; from the date the Treaty is enforced, and asks for an assurance by the National Government that goods produced or manufactured in any part of these territories or in British mandated territories will be accorded most-favoured-nation treatment in China, so long as China's goods in these territories receive treatment as favourable as those of any aliens.

"Most Favoured Nation"

Sir Miles Lampson also asks for an assurance by the National Government that articles produced and manufactured in China and exported to any of the foregoing territories will receive most-favoured-nation treatment as regards export duties, internal taxation, or transit dues, levied before export, or matters connected therewith, so long as goods produced or manufactured in such territory receive correspondingly treatment as favourable as that accorded to goods exported by any other foreign country.

SINO-SPANISH TREATY

Nanking, Yesterday.
The Sino-Spanish Treaty was signed to-day at noon.
The text will be published on January 8.—Reuter.

Man at Menai Bridge: If I wanted to speak an untruth I would have had a solicitor.

SCHOOL PRIZES

PRESENTED TO-DAY AT YAUMATI

THE YEAR'S WORK

Mrs. G. P. de Martin distributed prizes to the successful students of the Yaumati School this morning.

Among those present were Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools.

After the prizes were distributed to the successful students, Mrs. Martin was presented with a bouquet of flowers. At the conclusion three cheers and a "tiger" were given to Mrs. Martin.

The headmaster, Mr. C. Mycock, read the report: He said:

The Report

The school was open 378 times during the year. The maximum enrolment was 272; the average daily attendance 253.8. The average daily attendance last year was 246.6, an increase of 7.2.

The attendance last year was excellent—97. per cent. This improvement over last year is due to the general immunity from small-pox, the only serious epidemic prevalent during the year.

Staff.—The staff at the end of this year consists of the Headmaster, two European Mistresses, seven Anglo-Chinese Masters and three Vernacular Masters. Mr. Brown went on leave on March 31, his place as Headmaster being filled by Mr. Mycock transferred from Ellis Kadoorie School.

Mr. Chan Kam-tai was appointed on September 10 to replace Mr. Tam Cheuk-kai, who died on September 25 after a long and severe illness.

Mrs. Jeffreys was seconded to the school for duty for a few days in November while Mrs. Murphy was in Hospital.

Fees.—The fees were increased from January 1 to \$5 per month, and made payable for every month in the year.

Buildings and Equipment.—In February two new Beaver Black Boards were received. The P.W.D. made sundry repairs in May. Following the report of the Medical Officer of Schools alterations were made to the lavatories. The roof was slightly raised and apertures for light and air enlarged. The present system was condemned and an early substitution of the flush system was strongly recommended.

Some of the furniture is rather dilapidated and will be replaced next year.

Discipline.—Discipline generally is very well maintained. The general standard of conduct has been high.

Organisation.—The work of the school has been strictly confined to the syllabus with the exception of hygiene which was introduced in 1926.

Health.—In March and October the Medical Officer of Schools examined 105 entrants. 89 boys had 145 defects, mostly of a minor nature. 17 boys were unfit for drill or strenuous games; 21 have been supplied with Government spectacles. 59 others required treatment and the guardians concerned were informed by letter and held responsible that such treatment was given. Three boys have had operations.

Of 20 boys re-examined in 1928, two boys were worse than in 1927, nine showed improvement and nine no change.

During the year two boys died. An eye test was held in Class 5 in October. St. John Ambulance Brigade kindly re-vaccinated three members of the staff and three members of the staff, and 176 boys on December 4. Every boy in the school has now been vaccinated at least three times.

Dr. Li Ying-yu has again most kindly given his services for the attention of all minor ailments. The staff has had a very unlucky year.

Mr. Ho Yau-tak, Mrs. Murphy and the late Mr. Tam Cheuk-kai have all been absent from duty for long periods through illness.

Studies.—243 boys took the annual examination this month. In English subjects 202 or 31 per cent. passed; in Chinese, 233 or 95 per cent. The half yearly examination revealed a weakness in the upper classes in arithmetic, which now shows some improvement. Geography in class 4 was a disappointment. Colloquial throughout the school is only fair.

The other subjects are fairly satisfactory. Taking into consideration the many difficulties of the past year, the results are satisfactory.

Scholarships.—The generosity of Mr. Yu Hay-tong and the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie has supplied us with additional scholarships and prizes bearing their names, available this year for the first time.

The latest Matriculation results show how these scholarships are appreciated. Three free scholars of 1928 now at Queen's College matriculated. Each had a distinction and two gained honours.

Another old boy has this year passed his final B.A. at the Hong Kong University.

Athletics.—Swimming was indulged in at Lai Chi Kok, and on launch picnics during the summer months.

Solicitor at Workop: Did you really have a good view of the accident?

Man: I made the remark that it was the first time I had seen underneath a motor-car.

The inter-class volley ball shield was won by Class 4c. Class 4b won the football shield.

Competition was very keen and the sportsmanship displayed was very satisfactory. The twelfth annual sports held at King's Park this month were very well organised and successful. The jumps were particularly creditable.

Mr. Sung On-wing ably assisted by the Head Prefect, Ip Sheng-ming, has proved an efficient sports master.

Following the medical reports I considered drill unwise. Each class has appointed its own captain and vice-captain. They select teams from their own class, and are allowed the use of the ground at King's Park at stated times. All the boys of every class are thus able to use the ground.

There is a general keenness and unwillingness to be absent, and no apparent loss of work is noticeable.

At week-ends matches are played with local sides with varying results.

In the team-races at the local sports successes have been fewer than usual.

General.—Mr. Hui King-lim and the Prefects have again looked after the library. The supply of periodicals has been maintained, and it is extensively used. Its development is slow as it is entirely self-supporting.

The forest film "Chang" was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school in September.

Every boy of 13 or under attended the Grand Tattoo in charge of a master in October.

Thanks Expressed

In conclusion, I desire to thank Mrs. de Martin for her kindness in again honouring us by her presence, Mr. Ralph for his attendance, and to express regret that duty has caused Mrs. de Martin to break his record of attendances after the interest he has shown in Y.M.C. for so many years.

My first report for this school would be incomplete without some reference to the loyalty and willing co-operation of the staff. It has been a difficult year, and the results, disappointing, as, in some classes, they are, without that co-operation would not have been so good. I sincerely thank them for the assistance they have given me this year.

CRICKET

LEAGUE TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI in their League match against the Club de Recreio on the H.K.C.C. ground, at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

A. H. Gillingham (capt.), W. B. Cornaby, G. E. R. Divett, G. P. Lammer, A. Reid, W. V. L. Stanton, J. A. Simmers, W. K. Tait, G. R. Vallack, R. H. D. Wade, E. R. West, I.R.C. v. Craigengower.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club against the Craigengower C.C. in a League match to-morrow, at 2 p.m. sharp, at Sookunpoo:

A. H. Rumjahn (capt.), A. el. Arculli, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, J. S. A. Currem, A. R. Minu, S. H. Ismail, O. Ismail, J. S. Ackber, A. S. Suffad and A. K. Minu.

"IF I WERE AN EDITOR"

The lament of Canon Alexander, of St. Paul's, who would do away with newspapers altogether, has aroused considerable controversy, and the subject—What I would do if I were an editor, has now become a favourite topic for discussion.

Six celebrities reveal their plans of what they would do in the circumstances:

Lord Forbes: If I were editor of a daily newspaper I should do away with various frivolous competitions, such as bathing-girl photograph contests.

George Grossmith: If I became an editor I should at once adopt the idea of coloured supplements. They are, to my mind, a most attractive feature.

Godfrey Tearle: I am afraid I should find editing a newspaper a very difficult job! My first idea would be to engage a very fine staff, who knew their job, and let them get on with it.

Sir George Thurston: the distinguished naval architect: If I should become an editor—which God forbid—I would take immediate steps to sell it to the first applicant!

Leslie Henson: On becoming an editor I should draw my pay—and go fishing!

Lewis Baumer: I have no desire whatever to become an editor, but as to improvements in the daily newspapers, I am in favour of more good picture pages!

Solicitor at Workop: Did you really have a good view of the accident?

Man: I made the remark that it was the first time I had seen underneath a motor-car.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED

IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Divine Woman," and Carpi's Parisian Revue" at 9.20 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre; "Seven Heaven."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Paris at Midnight."

To-day—St. Peter's Y.M.C. dance at Lane Crawford's restaurant 8 p.m.

Jan. 3—"Gilbert and Sullivan" Concert at Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m.

Land Sale

Dec. 31—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, 3 p.m.

Lammar's Auction

Dec. 31—At Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, 60 cases Brandy and 71 kegs wines, 11 a.m.

Sport

To-day—H.K.Y.M.C. Hockey, 2nd XI vs. H.K. Club "A," 5 p.m.

Meetings

To-day—The H.K.F.A. Council holds monthly meeting in "S.C.M. Post" board room, 5.30 p.m.

Dec. 29—Twelfth meeting of Industrial and Commercial Bank, 2 p.m.

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AND ALL THE NEWS

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The "Overland" is the only illustrated weekly budget of Hong Kong & China news. It is a welcome gift all the year round. It tells how Christmas was spent in the Colony.

RESIDENTS BACK FROM LEAVE

Many residents have just returned to Hong Kong after holidays at Home and elsewhere. For the first few days one's conscience can be calmed by thoughts that time is needed to unpack and to get settled down again. Then that letter must go.

What you have to say for yourself no one else can write for you; but if you want to ease anxiety as to what is happening out here that is a task that the "Overland China Mail" will do for you as it has invariably done in the past.

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PROGRESS IN INDIA

WOMEN FREER TO-DAY
THAN EVER BEFORE

FALLACIES REBUTTED

The impression created by the statement of her Highness the Maharani of Baroda is that every woman in India is condemned to wear a veil. This is not so, writes Dr. J. H. Cousins, principal of the Madras International School of Culture, in the "Daily Express." Purdah prevails only in North and Central India, and even there is confined to certain classes. There is no purdah in South India. Her Highness presided last year over an all-India conference of women of education. None of the delegates was veiled, and men were present.

At the Indian National Congress last December, in Madras, a big contingent of women volunteers helped to preserve order. There was also a Women's Day, with great meetings of women, at which men were present. No one wore a veil.

Hindu women are in public offices all over the country. The Maharani sees a tightening of restrictions on Indian women. I travel all over India, touching all classes of people, and I see more and more freedom in the lives of women. I lecture every-

MONEY & SHARE TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

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Bank, 30 days' sight	—
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On demand	1257 1/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	1382 1/2
On Berlin	—
On demand	—
On New York	49 1/4
On demand	50 1/4
On Bombay	—
Wire	134 1/4
On demand	134 1/4
On Calcutta	—
Wire	134 1/4
On demand	134 1/4
On Singapore	—
On demand	86 1/4
On Manila	—
On demand	98 1/4
On Shanghai	—
On demand	78
20 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama	—
On demand	106 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per taal)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.55
Silver (per oz.)	26 7/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	3% prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Chinese Copper Cent	6% Prem.
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	30% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	—

THE SHARE MARKET

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

T.T. on London	2/0 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 1/4
Bank	—
Hong Kong Bank	\$1205 b
do. Lon Reg.	\$141 1/4 b
Chartered Bank	222 n
Mercantile A. & B. Co.	224 n
do.	214% n
P. & O. Bank	\$94 n
Bank of East Asia	\$84 n
Insurance	—
Canton Insurance	\$685 b 675 s
Union Insurance	\$365 b
do.	1368 1/4 325 sa
North China Insurance	T160
Yangtze Insurance	\$350 n
China Underwriters	\$240
China Fire Insurance	\$280
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$780 s 770 ss
Shipping	—
H.K. Steamboats	\$38 b 29 1/4 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	\$1 b
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	\$46 b
do. (Duf.)	\$72 1/2 b
Shell Transport	118 s
Water-boats	23 b
Mining	—
Bengkela	52% n
Kalian Mining Ad.	70/— n
Langkawi (Combined)	T104 n
do. (Sime)	T54 n
Shamian Explosions	\$2.80 n
Shanghai Loans	T3 n
Rubber	—
Tronch Mines	17/6 b
Dock Wharves, Godowns, &c.	—
H.K. & E. Harvards	\$134 s
H.K. & W. Docks	\$134 s
China Provinces	\$5.10
Hongkew	T155 b
New Engineering	T64 n
Shanghai Docks	T105 n
Cotton Mills	—
Two Cottons	\$13.5
Oriental Cottons	\$24 n
Shai Cottons (Old)	T654 n
do. (new)	T32 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs	\$5.40 b 9 1/2 sa
Hongkong Lands	\$34 1/2
Humphrey Estates	\$14.80 b 15 s
Engineering Realities	95% n
Private Buildings, Public Utilities	—
H.K. Tramways	\$21.20 b 21 1/4 s
Peak Trams (old)	\$13 s
do. (new)	\$6.30 n
Star Ferries	\$694 n
China Lights (comb.)	—
do. (old)	\$11.80 b 11% sa
do. (new)	—
do. 1928 issue	—
H.K. Electric	\$53 b
Electric (new)	\$51 1/4 b
Macao Electric	\$24% b
H.K. Telephone	\$6.30 b old
Cable Buses	\$10% b new
Singapore Tractions	12/— b
do. Prof.	17/6 b 18/8 s
Industrial	—
China Supplies	00 cts.
Mashine	\$23 1/2
Canton Jars	—
Comest (new)	\$3.00 b 9% sa
do. (old)	\$7.50 n
H.K. Hops (old)	\$7.50 s
do. (new)	\$7.50 s
United Asbestos	\$5 b
Stores, &c.	—
Dairy Farms	\$21.10 b
Watson	\$134 s
Der A. Wings	80 cts.
Jane Crawford	\$3.05
Macintosh	\$20
Sincere	\$24
Wm. Powell	\$3.65
Miscellaneous	—
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SUNDAY & MONDAY.

WATER SUPPLY

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs on December 1, 1928.—CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1927	1928
Tytam	9' 4" B	15' 2" B
Tytam Byewash	19' 10" B	25' 6" B
Tytam Intermediate	L	9' 2" B
Tytam Tuk	11' 9" B	34' 1" B
Wong Nai Chung	12' 1" B	20' 7" B
Pokfulam	17' 1" B	21' 9" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow".]

Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

Total 1,701.25 1,201.83

Consumption in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November.

1927 1928

Consumption 283.83 196.17

Estimated population 417,080 427,400

Consumption per head per day 22.7 15.3

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during November 1927 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street, where an Intermediate Supply was given from November 15 to 30, 1927. Service to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains daily during November 1928.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL

1927 1928

Kowloon Reservoir 8' 7" B 0' 10" B

Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 0' 6" B 1' 10" B

Reception Reservoir 0' 7" B 1' 10" B

Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.

Total 399.71 452.50

Consumption in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November.

1927 1928

Consumption 93.41 105.21

Estimated population 102,700 107,800

Consumption per head per day 19.1 20.1

Full Supply in all districts during November 1927 and 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Soccer

Big League Matches For To-morrow

THE INTERPORT

Kowloon Footballer Married

[By "Rover."]

To-morrow's League programme is as follows:

Hong Kong League, Division I—kick-off 4.00 p.m.

Chinese Athletic v. K.O.S.B. Regt., Club ground—referee, Eng. Wt. Barbour, R.N.

Queen's Regt. v. South China, Sookumboo—referee, Captain Austin, R.A.

Recreio v. Club, King's Park—referee, Mr. Willis.

Hong Kong League, Division II—kick-off 2.30 p.m.

South China A v. K.O.S.B., Caroline Hill—referee, Sgt. Clarke. Easterly v. Navy, St. Joseph's ground—referee, Lce. Cpt. Grieve. Queen's v. Kowloon, Chatham-road—referee, Mr. Stoakes.

R.A. v. St. Joseph's, Sookumboo—referee, Mr. Lawrence.

Recreio v. South China B, King's Park—referee, Mr. Samy.

Chinese Athletic v. Small Units (Army), Club ground—referee, Sergt. Toms.

After the strenuous holiday football which many of the players have been engaged in the teams return to the League engagements with renewed vigour. The matches in the Senior League are unusually interesting.

Both the matches at the Valley and Sookumboo will have an effect on the League table as the four teams engaged are all in the running for the League championship.

At the Club ground the Borderers and Athletic match should be extremely interesting, and it is hoped both teams will be able to turn out at full strength. I think the Borderers will make a strong bid for Victory, although they put up a disappointing show against Kowloon on Saturday last.

The Regiment can field a fine side and the Athletic is just the team to bring out a bit of the Borderer's best. The Athletic will be without Too Kwei-shing, but the reserve player deputising gave a good show last Saturday. The Athletic will have to work hard for the points and a draw is a likely result.

At Sookumboo, the Queen's, who conquered the Athletic in a fine match by three goals to one, now try conclusions with the unbeaten South China team. This should be the best match of the day.

Both teams are capable of playing brilliant football on their day, and both have a partiality for Sookumboo which favours a fast open game. The Queen's will be all out to be the first to break South China's record, as they did the Athletic's this year and last, and South China will be equally keen on retaining the same.

The match should be worth going a long way to see and the result, in my opinion, will be a close one, with Queen's starting favourites. South China are much improved and if the defence can hold the strong Military forwards they will do well.

The Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong Club, match at King's Park is a very attractive fixture, and although Gosoano turned out for Portugal, he is nursing injuries and is a doubtful starter. Points are hard to get at Recreio ground and Club will do well to secure one of them. The match is the only senior one at Kowloon and should be a great attraction. Both teams are on the up-grade and are just getting into their stride. This should be a big struggle.

Chief interest in the Junior Programme to-morrow will centre in the K.O.S.B. Regt. and Navy (B) games. Both teams are going strong for top place in the League. The Athletic are still in the running and also the Queens, and with all out on Saturday I expect the following winners:—K.O.S.B., Navy (B), Queen's Regt., R.A., South China B, and the Athletic.

The England v. China match on Xmas Day was a splendid struggle, and early opinions ventured on as regards England's strength this year are justified. England are now favourites. Portugal gave a

HOME SOCCER

THE LEAGUE TABLES
TO DATE

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I. Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Wednesday 22 14 4 4 47 29 22

Derby 22 12 3 7 50 31 22

Blackburn 22 11 6 6 43 29 22

Leeds 21 11 3 7 44 43 25

Sunderland 22 10 4 8 39 24 24

Leicester 22 9 5 6 54 24 24

Aston Villa 21 11 2 8 50 43 24

Liverpool 22 9 5 8 51 35 23

Everton 21 10 3 8 35 28 23

Burnley 23 10 3 10 61 62 23

Huddersfield 22 9 4 4 46 33 22

Bolton 22 9 4 4 43 38 22

Newcastle 23 10 2 11 59 50 22

West Ham 23 8 5 10 40 50 21

Arsenal 21 6 7 9 35 40 19

M'chester C. 21 7 5 9 43 51 19

Sheffield C. 22 8 3 11 39 52 19

Birmingham 21 7 4 10 40 46 18

Portsmouth 22 9 0 13 30 46 18

Cardiff 22 5 7 10 29 27 16

M'chester U. 21 4 8 9 29 43 16

Bury 19 6 1 12 22 46 13

Division II. Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Middleb' 22 12 5 5 58 27 20

Notts C. 22 11 7 4 40 25 20

Chelsea 23 10 9 3 37 24 20

Hull 23 10 7 6 42 32 20

Bradford 22 12 2 8 56 41 26

Southampton 22 7 12 3 39 24 20

Preston 22 11 4 7 50 43 20

Blackpool 22 10 3 9 47 41 23

West Brom 22 9 5 8 38 41 23

Stoke 22 8 6 8 34 24 22

Millwall 22 8 5 8 40 42 22

Grimsby 21 8 5 8 42 39 21

Notts Forest 21 8 5 8 40 43 21

Wolves 22 7 6 9 42 42 20

Swansea 22 7 6 9 34 44 19

Tottenham 21 8 3 10 30 42 19

Reading 22 7 6 10 34 44 19

Barnsley 21 7 4 10 34 38 17

Port Vale 22 8 1 13 38 44 17

Clapton 22 5 7 10 27 43 15

Bristol C. 22 5 6 12 32 46 15

Oldham 21 4 3 14 20 40 11

Division III (South). Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Plymouth 21 12 4 5 43 24 28

Fulham 20 11 5 4 49 27 27

Northants 22 11 5 6 55 33 27

Luton 20 12 3 5 45 35 27

Queen's P.R. 21 10 7 4 38 31 27

Coventry 21 10 6 5 35 22 25

Charlton 19 9 5 9 30 33 23

Bournemouth 20 9 6 4 40 33 23

Watford 20 11 1 8 33 33 23

Crystal P. 20 10 3 7 35 36 23

Swindon 20 9 4 8 39 40 22

Southend 20 7 6 7 34 33 20

Walsall 20 8 4 8 39 45 20

Torquay 20 8 2 10 38 39 18

Gillingham 21 6 4 11 24 35 17

Bristol R. 20 6 3 11 28 37 15

Brighton 20 6 2 12 30 39 15

Norwich 20 4 6 10 30 39 14

Exeter 20 4 6 10 30 39 14

Brentford 20 5 4 11 24 33 14

Merthyr 20 5 3 12 25 51 13

Newport 20 3 6 11 29 40 12

Division III (North). Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Stockport 20 12 5 3 60 31 29

Wrexham 21 10 8 3 49 38 28

Bradford C. 20 12 3 5 53 26 27

Lincoln 21 10 6 5 51 35 26

S. Shields 20 9 6 5 41 30 25

Carlisle 22 9 6 7 50 43 24

Wigan 19 9 5 5 28 18 23

Doncaster 20 9 6 5 36 30 23

Crewe 20 9 4 7 37 38 22

Halifax 21 6 9 6 30 33 21

Tranmere 10 10 8 8 30 33 21

Nelson 21 9 2 10 41 45 20

Chesterfield 19 8 3 8 45 46 19

Rochdale 21 7 8 3 45 46 19

N. Brighton 20 8 2 10 49 43 18

Rotherham 21 7 4 10 29 40 18

Harrogate 21 5 6 11 32 60 15

Darlington 20 5 4 11 32 43 14

Southport 20 6 2 12 33 54 14

Barrow 19 4 5 10 28 43 13

Ashington 22 5 3 14 26 57 13

RECORD STAND

LAST WICKET PRODUCES
307 RUNS

Melbourne, Yesterday.

Playing for New South Wales

against Victoria in the Sheffield

Shield match, A. Kippax scored 260

not out and H. Hooker 62, and their

partnership for the last wicket

reached 307, a world's record in first

class cricket for the last wicket.

Reuter.

selected to represent the H.K. Foot-

ball Club versus Club de Recreio

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Stewart; Watson; Reid; Alexander;

Goldman; Scott; Trambitzky.

Reserves: Wallington, Massey.

KOWLOON RESERVES

The following will represent the

Kowloon Res. v. Queen's Res. on

Chatham-road ground on Saturday

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

London Co-Respondent



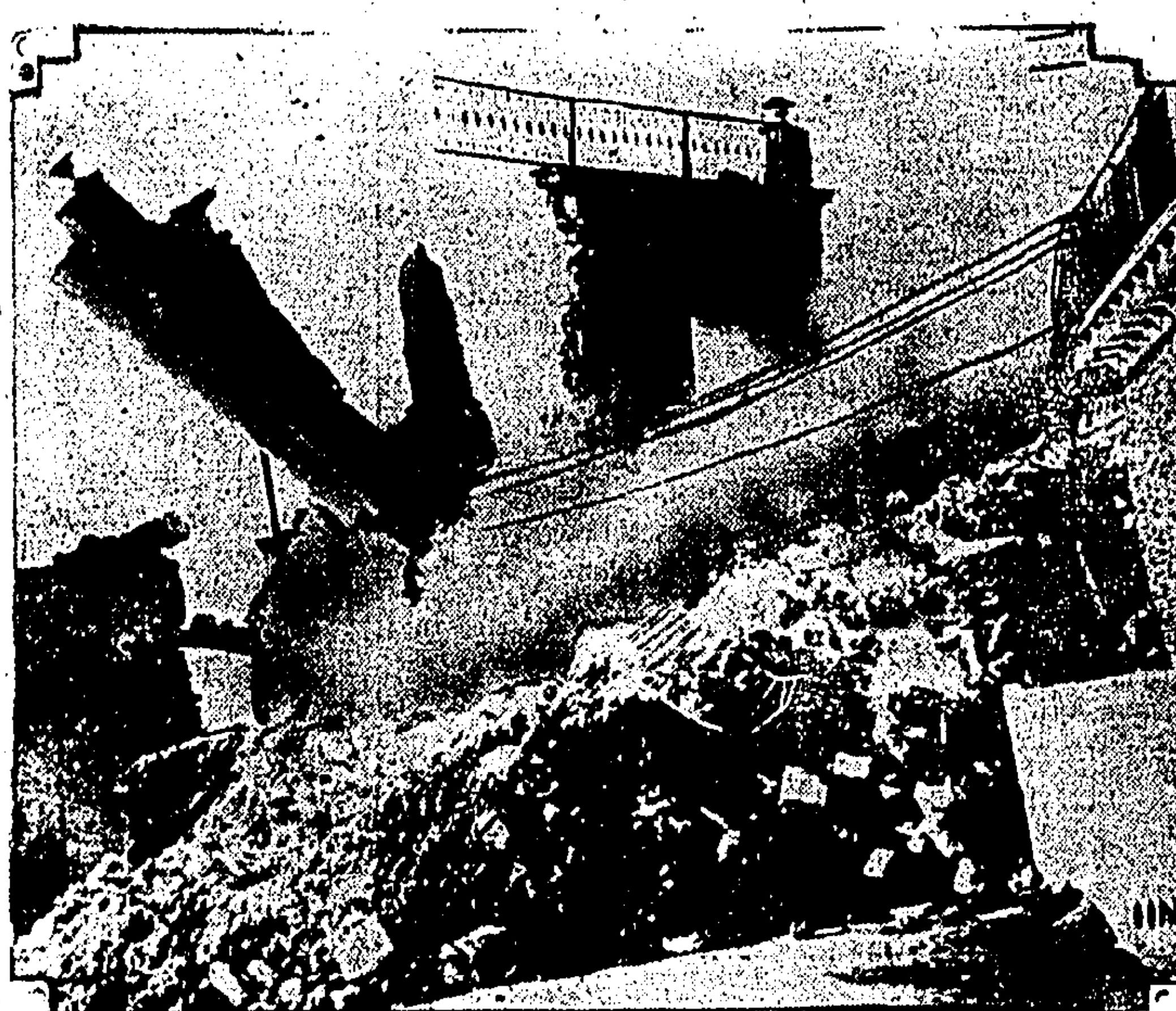
One result of the London engagement of Edna Best, the American actress, was to be named as co-respondent in divorce suit of Mrs. Hilda Lloyd Marshall, the English stage star. The latter was granted an absolute decree on grounds of infidelity.

On Trial for Life



Mme. Georgette Arnaud, a beautiful Parisienne, photographed as she appeared in the dock of the Seine Assizes charged with the murder of her husband.

Striking Photo of Flow of Lava



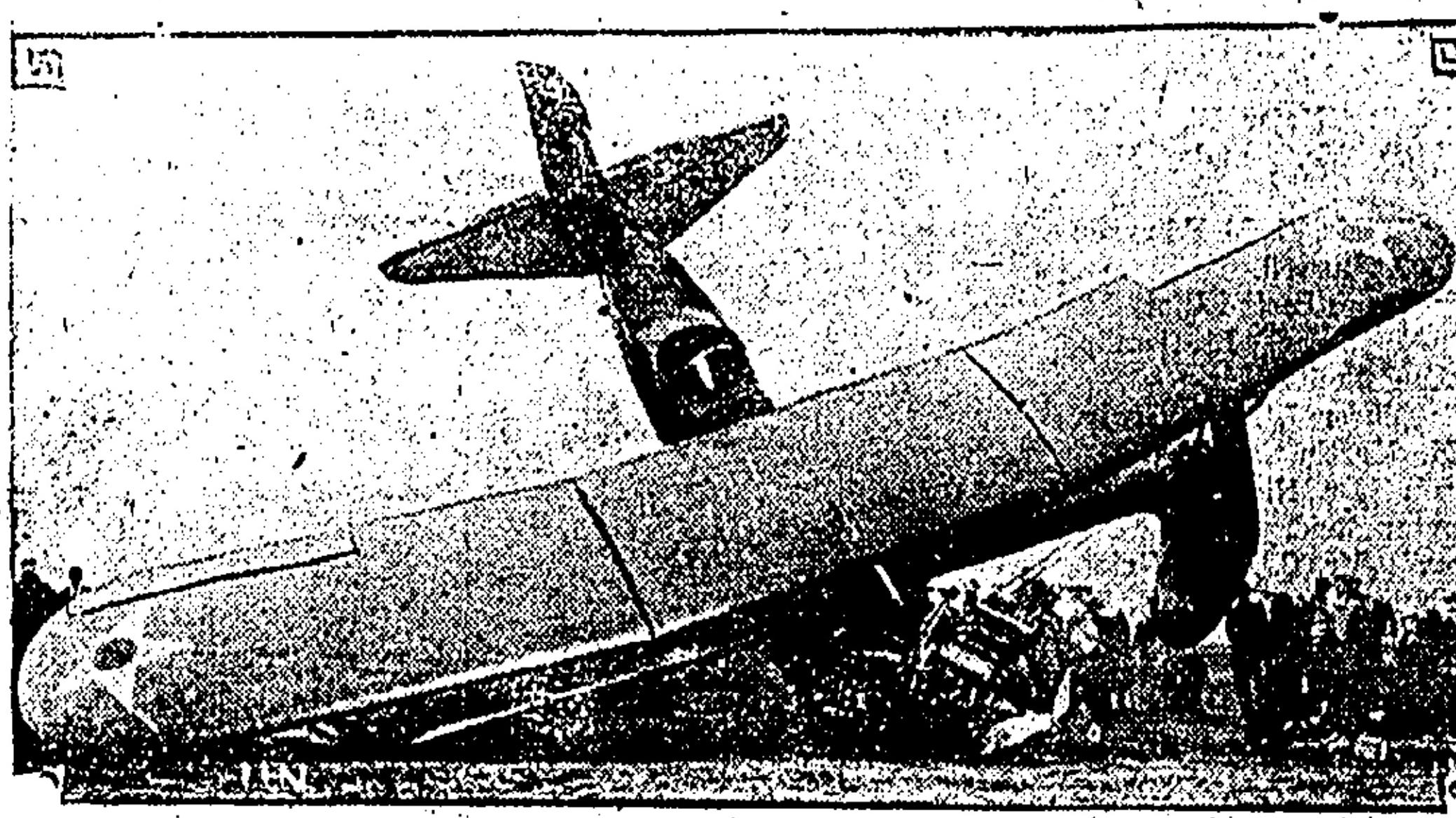
At imminent risk of his life, cameraman ground off this record of molten lava overwhelming a portion of the town of Mascali, Sicily, one of the communities entirely destroyed by the Mount Etna eruption. Photo shows the wall of a century-old building collapsing under pressure of the lava.

Was This a Prophetic Disaster?



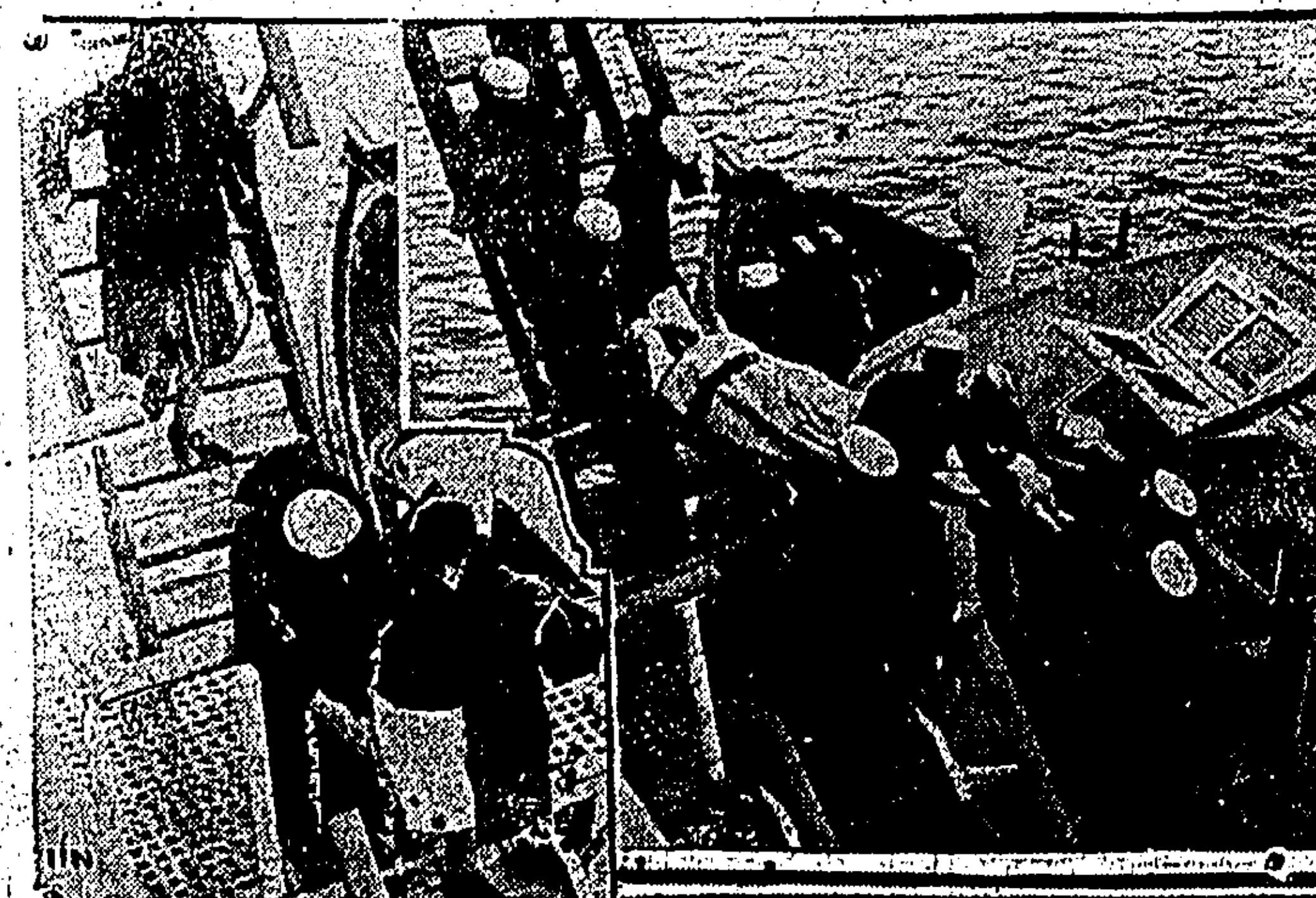
The above remarkable photo shows the ill-fated s.s. "Vestris" hard aground on North Carolina shore after a dramatic race from mid-ocean with her hold ablaze. That was in 1919. The following year the liner was re-conditioned being placed in the South American trade.

Swoops Down on Golf Course



Forced down by fog and smoke this two-seater Curtiss observation plane cracked up on Hudson River golf course at Yonkers, N. Y., but Lt. S. D. Mills and H. E. Twining, the pilots, escaped without a scratch.

"Vestris" Survivors Reach Port



Zelma O'Neal, the original "Varsity Drag Girl" who hurried home from London where she was a favorite of the musical stage, to marry Anthony Bushnell, a young English actor. Here she is on the deck of the "Beren-

"Vestris" survivors brought ashore at Hampton Roads from the U.S.S. "Wyoming," which cruised over the scene of tragedy until it was certain no further victims could be recovered. Right, Mrs. Yoshio Inouye, wife of the late Major Inouye of the Japanese Army, being carried ashore in a litter; left, Mrs. Norman Batten (top) and Mrs. George Ulrich. All three were widowed by the disaster.

Belgian Princess



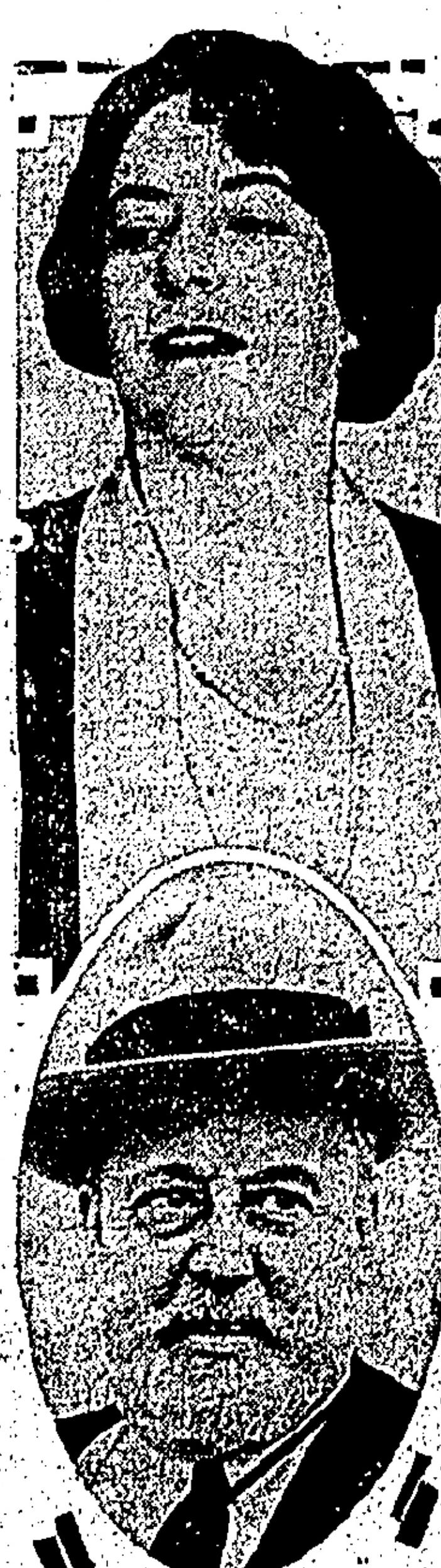
Princess Antoinette de Ligne, daughter of the Belgian Ambassador to the U.S.A. and H.H. the Princess Albert de Ligne.

Fire Chief!



Miss Edith Herzog, a University of Kansas co-ed, charged with keeping fire and trouble out of Corbin Hall, the girls' dormitory!

Gets Her Decree



A famous love story of the opera came to an end in Nogales when Mrs. Frances Aida, prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera company obtained her divorce from Giulio Cattil-Casazza, general manager of the organization. The pair were married 18 years ago.

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MUSICIANS' NEW CONSTITUTION

By Frank Eames, General Secretary, Incorporation Society of Musicians.

Of all professions which exist in Britain to-day the profession of music receives the least recognition as a profession in return for its great services to the nation. There is one reason, and one only, for this state of affairs, viz., the profession has no representative body which can effectively safeguard professional interests.

Conditions in the profession to-day are not dissimilar from those which existed in other professions before their representative bodies were created. The profession is ill-

which the members have devoted their lives.

Local Examinations to End

The Incorporated Society of Musicians was formed forty-six years ago for the express purpose of creating such a representative body for the musical profession, and it has in the past faithfully endeavoured to achieve the aims of its founders. Its constitution, however, was not fitted to meet the conditions existing in the profession to-day, and on the recommendation of a special committee, formed of many eminent members of the profession, the constitution has been recast. The objectives have been restricted to those definitely related to the highest interests of the profession, and the Local Examinations in Music, conducted for many years by the society, will therefore be terminated in December next.

The new constitution is eminently suited to meet the needs of all who practise music as a profession.

Realising that membership of the society will become a recognised attainment, creating a definite status, the council have been careful to prescribe certain conditions of membership which ensure that all bona-fide practising professional musicians of good standing will be eligible. As a professional body the council have practical knowledge of the value of all existing recognised diplomas, and are not inclined to attach an exaggerated importance to the possession of degrees or diplomas. They do insist, however, that all applicants for membership give particulars of their training for the profession, as it is the "training" which is important, and not the "test" of that training. The age limit has been reduced to 21 years, and applicants also have to give particulars of their service and experience in the profession.

The most important change, however, relates to the requirement that on and from January 1, 1932, all applicants for membership must possess either the First School or Matriculation Certificate. Instead of a small council the new council will consist of thirty-five forty members elected as representatives to undertake various responsibilities. Such a council will be strong enough to act with authority, and by its very composition will pre-

vent any suggestion that policy is dictated by any particular interest.

A Representative Body

It is intended that the society, as reconstituted, shall be the representative body of the profession of music, and it claims the support of all who have any regard for the welfare of the art and the credit of the profession. The society does not seek to place any arbitrary limit on the number of those who practise the art; it seeks merely to ensure that those who do practise shall be worthy and of good standing in the profession.

There is thus an opportunity now given to the whole profession to co-operate in their own interests for the great purposes which form the main objectives of the newly-constituted society. Conditions in the profession tend to become more difficult every day. The develop-

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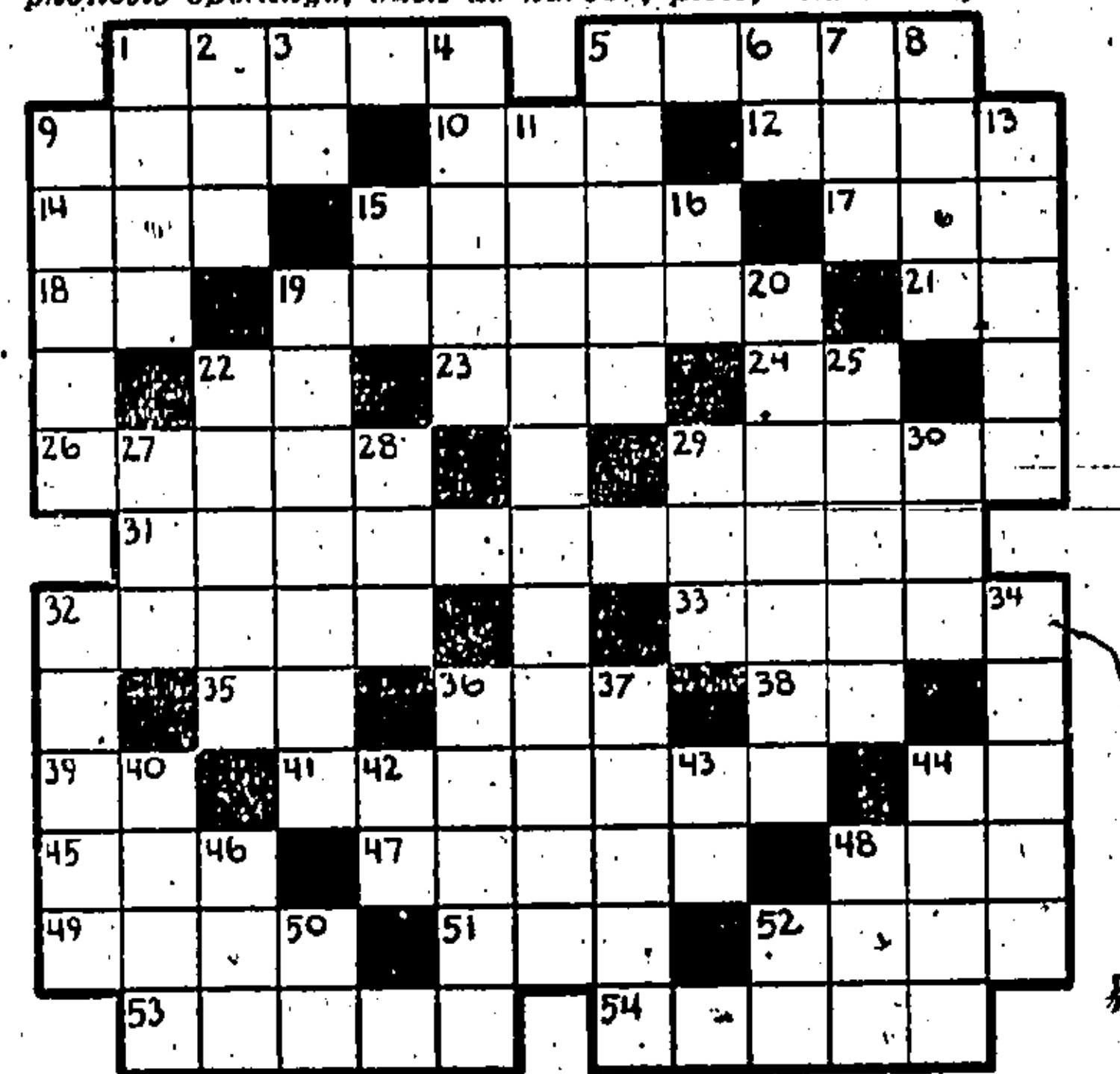
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
1-Cine of small bones
of middle ear
5-Grumble
9-Man
12-Miracle
13-Moves rapidly
14-Kitchen utensil
15-Confuse
17-To turn to right in
driving
18-House of Lords
(abbr.)
19-The state of being
inactive
21-Prone
22-Ancillary note
(abbr.)
23-Portuguese coin
24-Bill of sale (abbr.)
25-Purlin
26-Top of the head
(pl.)
31-Speak with an
accent
32-city of
E. Nebraska
33-To say publicly
35-Name unknown
(abbr.)
36-Obstinate
37-Estate
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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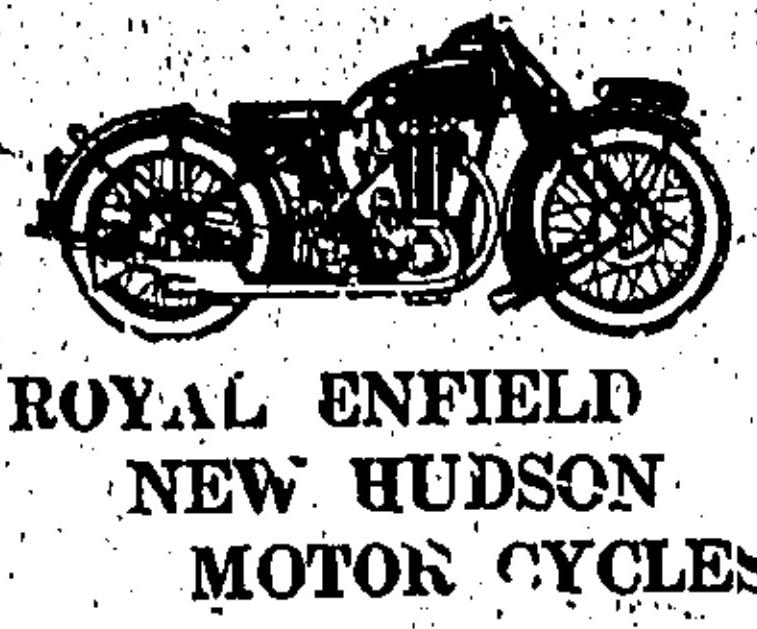
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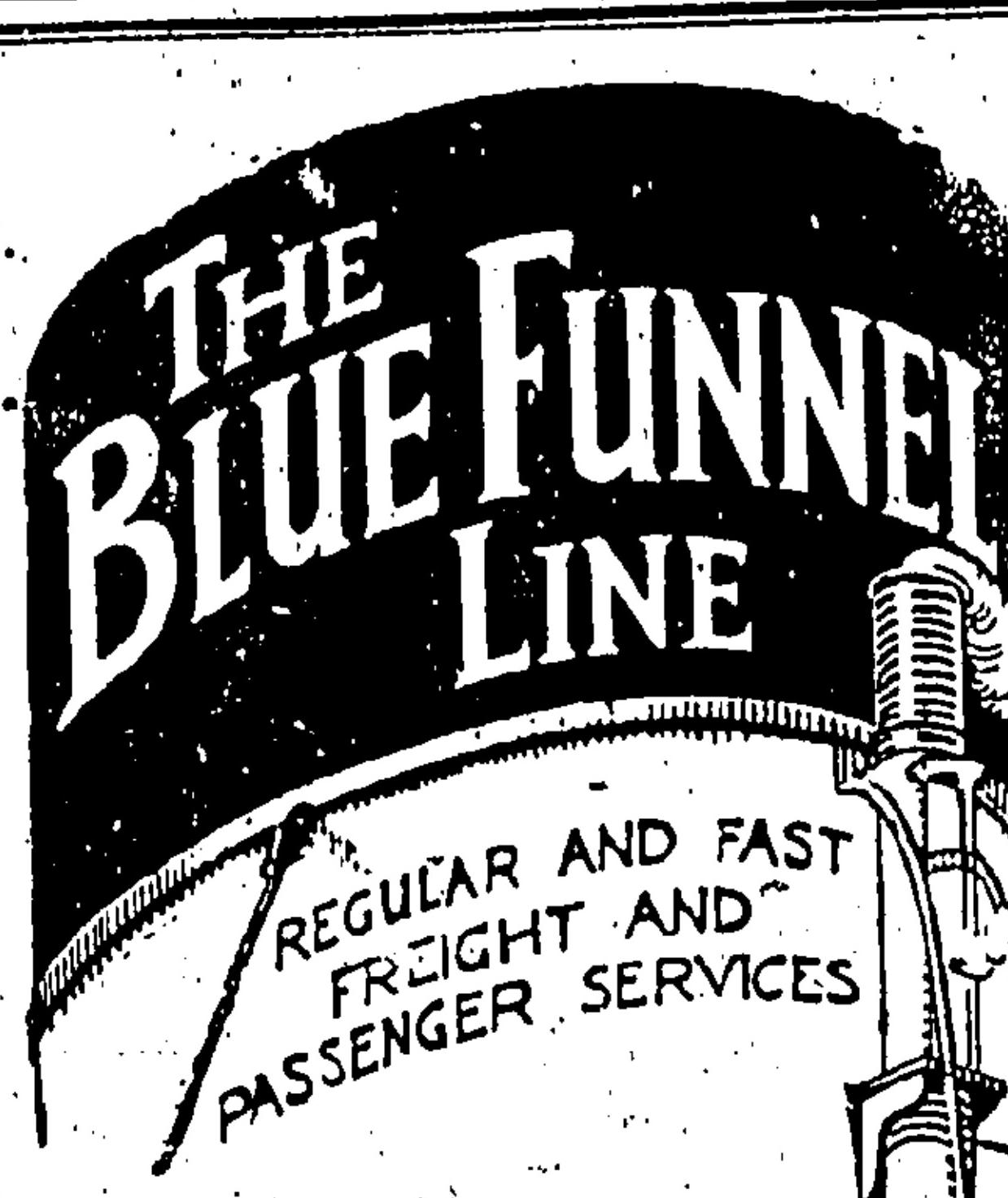
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JUMP OF DEATH FROM NIGHT IN A DESERT CATHEDRAL TOWER

SWISS TRAGEDY

FATHER DASHED TO PIECES; DAUGHTER SHOT

BUSINESS WORRIES

Lausanne, Switzerland.—Lausanne Cathedral was the scene of a tragedy when a French subject named Elmalch jumped from the tower 200 feet high and was dashed to pieces in the courtyard below.

Elmalch was being shown over the building by a woman guide when he suddenly rushed up the steps leading to the spire and leapt into space.

Earlier in the day he had left his hotel and, telling his wife that he was going to take two of his children for a drive, motored to an inn outside Lausanne where he wrote letters. Later he met a policeman, and under the pretext that he was going to fetch a doctor asked him to look after his little girl, who, he said, had shot herself while playing with his revolver.

At the hospital it was found she had a bullet wound in the chest. Although her mother, who is in precarious health, submitted to blood transfusion in attempts to save the child, its life is despaired of. Business worries and inability to pay his hotel bill are given as the cause of the man's act.

TO THE SOUTH POLE

U.S. EXPEDITION'S PROGRESS

NEARING THE MAIN BASE

Washington, Yesterday. Commander Byrd's expedition is nearing the proposed main base in the Bay of Whales, and a wireless message has informed the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Wilbur, that the Ross ice barrier was reached on Tuesday.—Reuter's American Service.

STELLA MARIS

RECEIVING ORDER AGAINST MR. AUSTIN-SMITH

A receiving order in bankruptcy against Alfonso Francis Austin-Smith, who figured in the Stella Maris murder trial at Maidstone in 1926, was announced in the "London Gazette." The announcement reads:

Barnstaple. — Austin-Smith, Alfonso Francis, Riverside, Combe Martin, Devonshire, gentleman farmer.

Last August the "London Gazette" published an order amending a receiving order against Mr. Smith on the ground that the debts had been paid in full.

Mr. Smith, who came to Britain from Canada at the age of nine, served in the 4th Dragoon Guards before the war and afterwards in the Black Watch. In November 1926 he was acquitted at Kent Assizes, Maidstone, on a charge of murdering John Adam Derham by shooting him with a revolver at a house named Stella Maris, Tankerton, near Whitstable.

He was found not guilty of murder or of manslaughter, but was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for carrying a revolver with intent to endanger life. Since his release from prison he has been assaulted him, two others held him by the arms. The timely intervention of a Chinese traffic constable, once by a Chinese traffic constable, lost his four-years-old son in a fire put a further stop to more damage.

The "sequel" was heard at the Kowloon Court to-day, when the four runners were brought before the court. Mr. E. W. Hamilton on a charge was granted a decree nisi of nullity by Mr. Justice Hill in the Divorce Division.

The first defendant admitted the offence, but the other three denied striking complainant, who appeared with a wide piece of plaster over the left side of his face.

The traffic constable, who affected the arrest, gave evidence of having witnessed the assault.

A fine of \$5 or seven days' jail was imposed on the first defendant, who, in addition, was ordered to pay \$5 as compensation to complainant.

The other three were also fined \$5 or seven days, and all four defendants bound over in a personal bond in the sum of \$50 to be in good behaviour for six months.

IS IT A SHIPPING HUT?

CAPT. CAMPBELL

ADVENTURE FOLLOWS A FORCED LANDING

PAYING THE SHEIKH

Capt. Malcolm Campbell has described to a correspondent in London, the adventurous night he spent in an Arab village in the "Caronia" sailed full of passengers Riff territory after he and Flight on her first invasion into the Lieutenant Don made a forced landing with their small aeroplane a first-rate shipping war is to develop remains to be seen.

He has returned to London after his aeroplane search to the Sahara Desert for a site on which to make an attempt on the world's fastest speed record. It was on the return journey from Oran that

FRESH AND FINE

North-east winds, fresh, fine, is the forecast until noon tomorrow.

A new anticyclone has formed over the Yangtze Valley. A depression is known to the south-east of the Lochoos.

Fresh monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

the mishap occurred, 75 miles from Tetuan, toward which place they set out with two Arab boys as guides. Capt. Campbell said:

"We walked along the shore for a whole day and at nightfall came to a village of huts. We were conducted to a hut, and found ourselves in a room in which about nine Arabs were squatting. Only one candle lighted the room.

"A pail of water was passed round. Don had a drink, but I did not like the look of the stuff. Next came pieces of bread and a pan of greasy-looking liquid. It was made clear that if we did not wish to insult our hosts we must dip the bread in the oil and eat it, which we did with considerable distaste.

The Sheikh's Wives

"The Arab chief or sheikh slept with his head half out of the only small entrance to the room. We were told afterwards that he took up this position so that no one should pass him without his being awakened. His wives, in considerable number, slept in the room below.

Don gave our host a pair of old pants and a vest, and I presented him with a pair of pink pyjamas. He seemed delighted with this form of payment for his hospitality.

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"We pointed out that his average earnings for the four years before he became a Law Officer were \$4,000 a year more than he received in that office. Then, after stating that the period during which he would draw his pension would not be unduly protracted, he concluded:

"During each year of my Law Office I voluntarily returned many thousands of pounds of my income to the Treasury. The late Lord Cave and the present Lord Chief Justice, each of whom was Solicitor-General under me, made the same unadvertised sacrifice. The stringency of public affairs was hardly less serious when Sir Henry Slesser was a Law Officer. I am unaware that either he or his chief felt it necessary to enter into any such self-denying ordinance.

"As I have unintentionally been led to speak of myself as Attorney-General, I may, perhaps, be permitted to point out that I am the only Attorney-General known to history who has ever insisted that his Solicitor-General should earn approximately the same fees as himself.

"Sir Henry Slesser, K.C., who was called to the Bar in 1906, was made a K.C. on the advent of the Socialist Government of 1924, in which he was Solicitor-General. He filled the office till the dissolution of the Government in December of that year.

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